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Mr. Richard Corey
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Richard
Dear Mr. Corey:

On April 6, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made a finding that Imperial County failed to submit an attainment plan for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) (83 FR 14759). The California Air Resources Board (CARB) submitted Imperial County's attainment plan for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan on July 18, 2018. On October 29, 2018, CARB submitted Imperial County rules related to the contingency measure element of the attainment plan.

We previously made an affirmative determination that the October 29, 2018 submittal fulfilled the EPA's completeness criteria in 40 CFR part 51, Appendix V and conveyed that finding to you in a letter dated December 12, 2018. This letter conveys our affirmative determination that the July 18, 2018 submittal also fulfills our completeness criteria. Together, these submittals address the EPA's finding of failure to submit for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS and correct the deficiency that formed the basis for that finding. As a result, the offset and highway sanctions clocks triggered by our finding of failure to submit are permanently stopped. See 40 CFR 52.31(d)(5).

If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 972-3813 or have your staff call Ginger Vagenas at (415) 972-3964.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Adams
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Director, Air Division